Housing Development Activities in Delhi

1187. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 2681 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1988 and state:

(a) the other similar housing corporations in Delhi engaged in housing development; and

(b) what is the criteria followed for the allocation of housing loans and what are the reasons for discrimination if any, in allocation of loan to the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) A similar agency named "Punjab National Bank Housing Finance (P) Ltd.," a wholly owned subsidiary of the Punjab National Bank, has been established on 11.11.88. The company has just started its operations.

(b) The guidelines for lending by commercial banks have been issued by Reserve Bank of India recently. The allocation for housing finance has been done by the Reserve Bank for the entire country and no statewise allocation has been made.

Additional Grant to Andhra Pradesh Rural Housing

1188. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2834-A given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide any special additional grant or assistance to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh as a reward for its outstanding service to the rural poors; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) So, far as Housing in the context of rural poor is concerned, there is no provision for any special additional grant or assistance as reward to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Housing being a state subject, all social housing schemes are implemented by the State Governments/UT Administrations according to their requirement and plan provisions. The Union Government only provides block loans and grants without being tied to any particular head of development. However, during the 7th Five Year Plan, an allocation of Rs. 215 crores has been made for the State of Andhra Pradesh under the scheme of Allotment of House-sites-cum-Construction Assistance for the rural landless workers which is a Minimum Needs Programme. In addition, under the Central Sector Scheme of Indira Awas Yojana, allocation of Rs. 45.52 crore has been made from 1985-86 to 1988-89 for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Increase in the price of rice being distributed through P.D.S.

1189. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the increase in the price of rice for the public distribution system in fair price shops recently; and

(b) whether Government would consider that this increase in the price of rice is likely to affect the poor and down trodden badly.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) On account of the increase in the support prices of paddy for the 1988-89 kharif season, the Government of India have increased the issue prices of rice